

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for her expeditious allowance of claims 9-17.


Turning now to the art-based rejections of claims 1-8, Applicant appreciates the Examiner's helpful statement pertaining to "closing" claim 1. Pursuant to this suggestion, applicant has inserted the phrase "consisting essentially of" into claims 1 and 3 alike to "close" these claims consistent with the accepted interpretation thereof set forth in the MPEP. See MPEP §2111.03.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-8 now patentably define over the prior art cited by the Examiner.

Should the Examiner determine that anything else is desirable to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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